

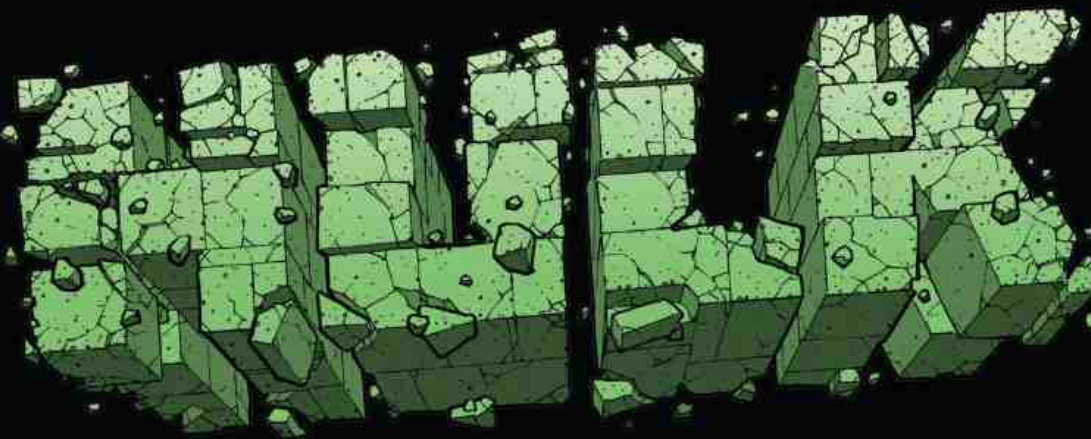


TITAN EMERGES!

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BRUCE BANNER HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SPLIT THE HULK INTO THREE DISTINCT PARTS: THE HULK'S BODY HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A STARSHIP. BANNER'S PSYCHE PILOTS IT FROM WITHIN THE HULK'S MIND. AND THE HULK'S PSYCHE FUELS THE STARSHIP WITH HIS ANGER, WHICH BANNER HARNESSSES BY LOCKING THE HULK IN THE "ENGINE ROOM" AND SENDING ESCALATING LEVELS OF OPPONENTS FOR HIM TO FIGHT.

STARSHIP HULK WAS PULLED INTO AN ALTERNATE REALITY BY A VERSION OF BRUCE BANNER WHO NEVER BECAME THE HULK. THIS REALITY'S THUNDERBOLT ROSS USED GAMMA BOMBS TO TURN THE UNITED STATES INTO AN UNDISPUTED GLOBAL SUPERPOWER, WITH HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT.

AFTER TAKING THIS REALITY'S BANNER PRISONER, ROSS SENT A HORDE OF GAMMA-MUTATED ABOMINATIONS TO ATTACK THE STARSHIP HULK, FORCING BRUCE TO TURN UP THE PRESSURE ON THE HULK'S PSYCHE IN ORDER TO GENERATE ENOUGH POWER TO WIN THE FIGHT. AND NOW SOMETHING MASQUERADING AS BETTY ROSS HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE STARSHIP, CRANKING THE ENGINE ROOM UP TO DANGEROUS LEVELS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEARN JUST HOW FAR THE HULK CAN BE PUSHED BEFORE HE BREAKS...

"SMASHTRONAUT!"

..... *finale*

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"YOU KNOW, I
HAVE A THEORY
OF MY OWN."

**STARSHIP HULK
ENGINE ROOM.**



EVERYONE
ALWAYS SAYS THE
SAME THING.

THAT THE
HULK IS BRUCE'S ID. THE
EMBODIMENT OF A SCARED
LITTLE BOY OVERWHELMED WITH
IMPOTENT RAGE BECAUSE OF THE
ABUSE HE ENDURED WHEN HE
WAS **BLAH BLAH
BLAH...**

WE'VE
ALL HEARD THE
SAME SAD LITTLE
SONG A MILLION
TIMES.

**STARSHIP HULK
COMMAND DECK.**



"I SUPPOSE THERE ARE
OTHER, DEEPER THEORIES...
BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE
THE PREVAILING ONE."

"BUT...SOMETHING
ABOUT IT JUST NEVER
FELT...COMPLETE."

STARSHIP HULK.

IT ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE
SO MUCH...WASTED
POTENTIAL.

WELL. HERE.
LET "BETTY" SHOW
YOU.

TAKE FOR
EXAMPLE...

"THE HULK'S PERSONALITY HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN THE **ENGINE ROOM** OF THIS RIDICULOUS 'STARSHIP' FOR SOME TIME NOW.

"CAGED, ABUSED, AND MADE TO PERFORM A LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND MAYHEM THAT, WELL... I MEAN, LOOK AT IT. IT'S INSANE.

"IT'S CRUEL INHUMANE.

"I'VE THROTTLED THE ENGINE TO **STAGE NINE.**

"IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT **STAGE TEN** IS PURELY HYPOTHETICAL.)

"STAGE NINE INCLUDES THE COMBINED MIGHT OF THE KREE, THE SH'AR, THE INHUMANS, SILVER SURFER....

"...AND THE SO-CALLED 'UNIVERSAL CONSTANTS' LIKE THE LIVING TRIBUNAL, THANOS, ADAM WARLOCK AND THE PHOENIX FORCE.

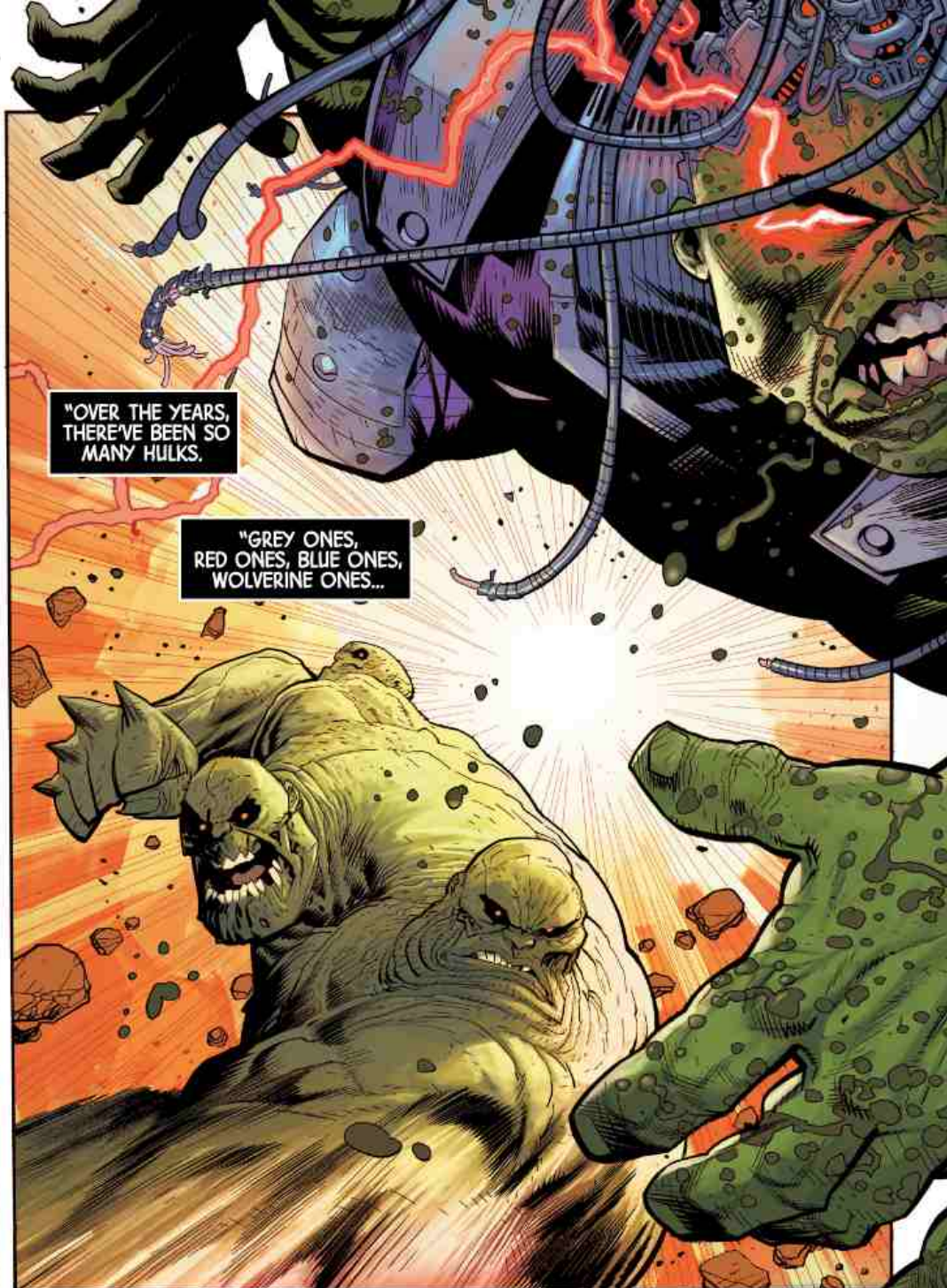
"AH, YES, AND GALACTUS.

"WHO...FOR WHATEVER REASON...

"...APPEARS TO BE A HULK."



WHICH, I
SUPPOSE,
BRINGS ME
TO MY
POINT...



"OVER THE YEARS,
THERE'VE BEEN SO
MANY HULKS.

"GREY ONES,
RED ONES, BLUE ONES,
WOLVERINE ONES...



"IT SEEMS TO ME THAT...
WELL, **EVERYONE** GETS TO
HAVE A HULK THESE DAYS...



"BRUCE HAS
A HULK."



RICK
HAD A
HULK.

ROSS
HAD A
HULK.



"JENNIFER
HAS A HULK."

"AMADEUS HAD
A HULK."



HELL...

...EVEN
GOD HAS A
HULK.

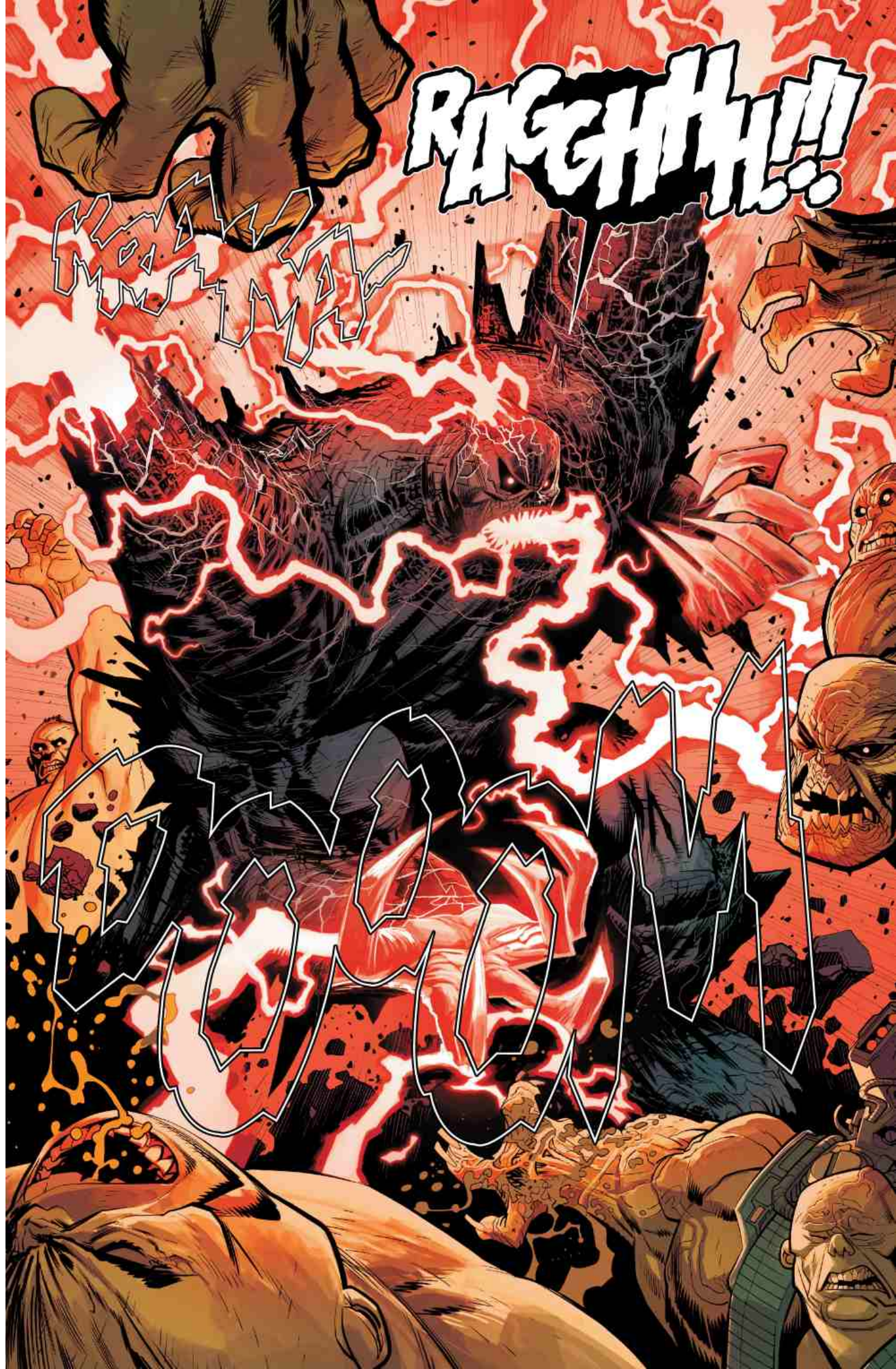


"SO REALLY...
IT'S UNFAIR,
ISN'T IT?"

"I
MEAN..."



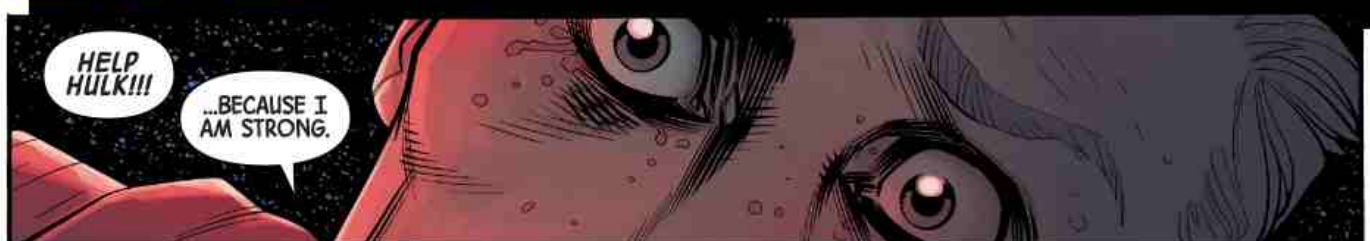
...WHY CAN'T
THE *HULK* HAVE
A HULK?



RAGEHHH!!!

CRASH!!!

BOOM!!!





IT'S DOING WHAT?!

WE DON'T KNOW, PRESIDENT ROSS. IT JUST--IT CHANGED! IT'S--GOD, IT MUST BE THIRTY FEET TALL! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. IT'S NOT LIKE THE OTHERS. IT'S...



...IT'S A
TITAN!



ALL RIGHT, DAMMIT. WE ARE BRINGING THIS THING DOWN!

I WANT A BOMBER IN THE AIR TEN MINUTES AGO. SEE HOW THIS THING ENJOYS--

WAIT. NO! NO, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!



THAT'S INSANE. YOU CAN'T DROP ONE OF THOSE OUT THERE. THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE MAJOR CITIES WITHIN THE BLAST RADIUS OF--

SIT DOWN, BANNER.

NO! LISTEN TO ME. YOU CANNOT DROP A GAMMA BOMB ON A HULK AND EXPECT IT TO--



SIT.

DOWN.



PLEASE...

YOU'LL KILL
THOUSANDS...



WE BOTH
WILL.

WE'RE DOING
THIS TOGETHER.
RIGHT, SON?



BIRD IS IN
THE AIR, MISTER
PRESIDENT. TEN
MINUTES UNTIL
TOUCHDOWN.

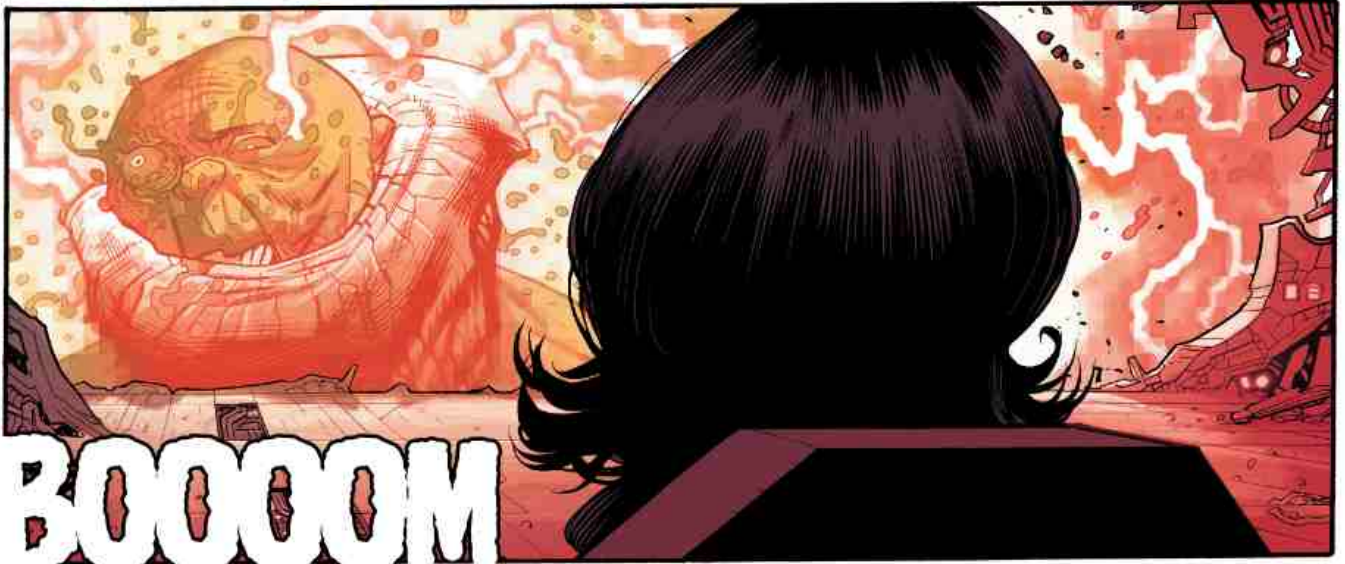
THAT'S
WHAT I LIKE
TO HEAR.
SEE?



THAT
WASN'T SO HARD.
NOW GET ME COMMS
ON THE LINE. WE'RE
GOING TO NEED A
HELL OF A STORY TO
SELL TO THE LAMBS
WHEN WE GET
THIS--



AGGHHH!!!

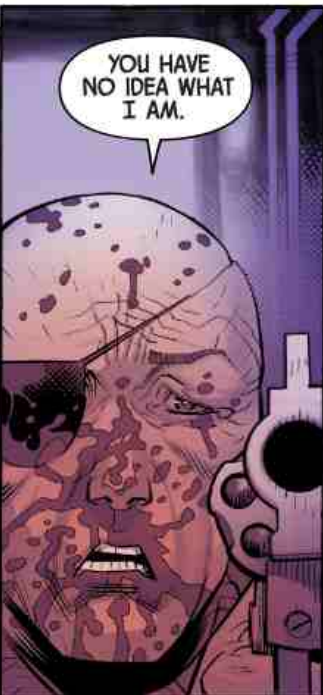




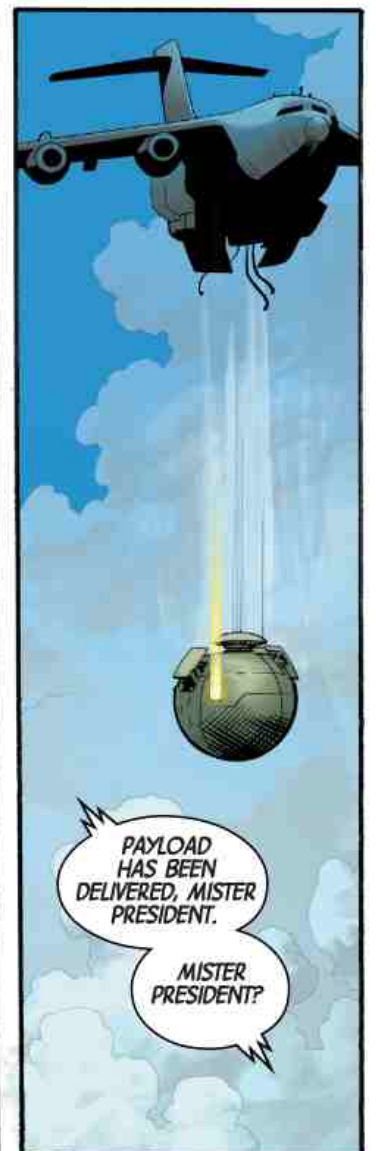
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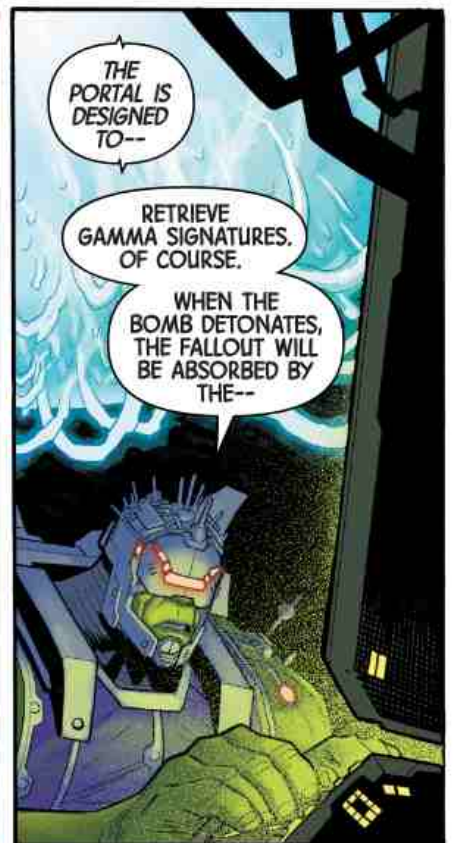


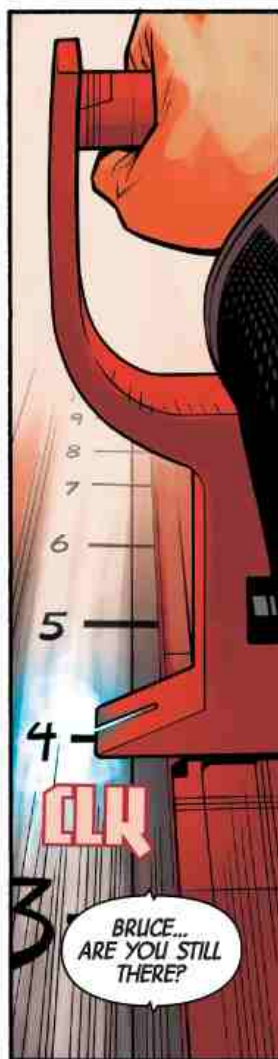














"...FOR PEACE."

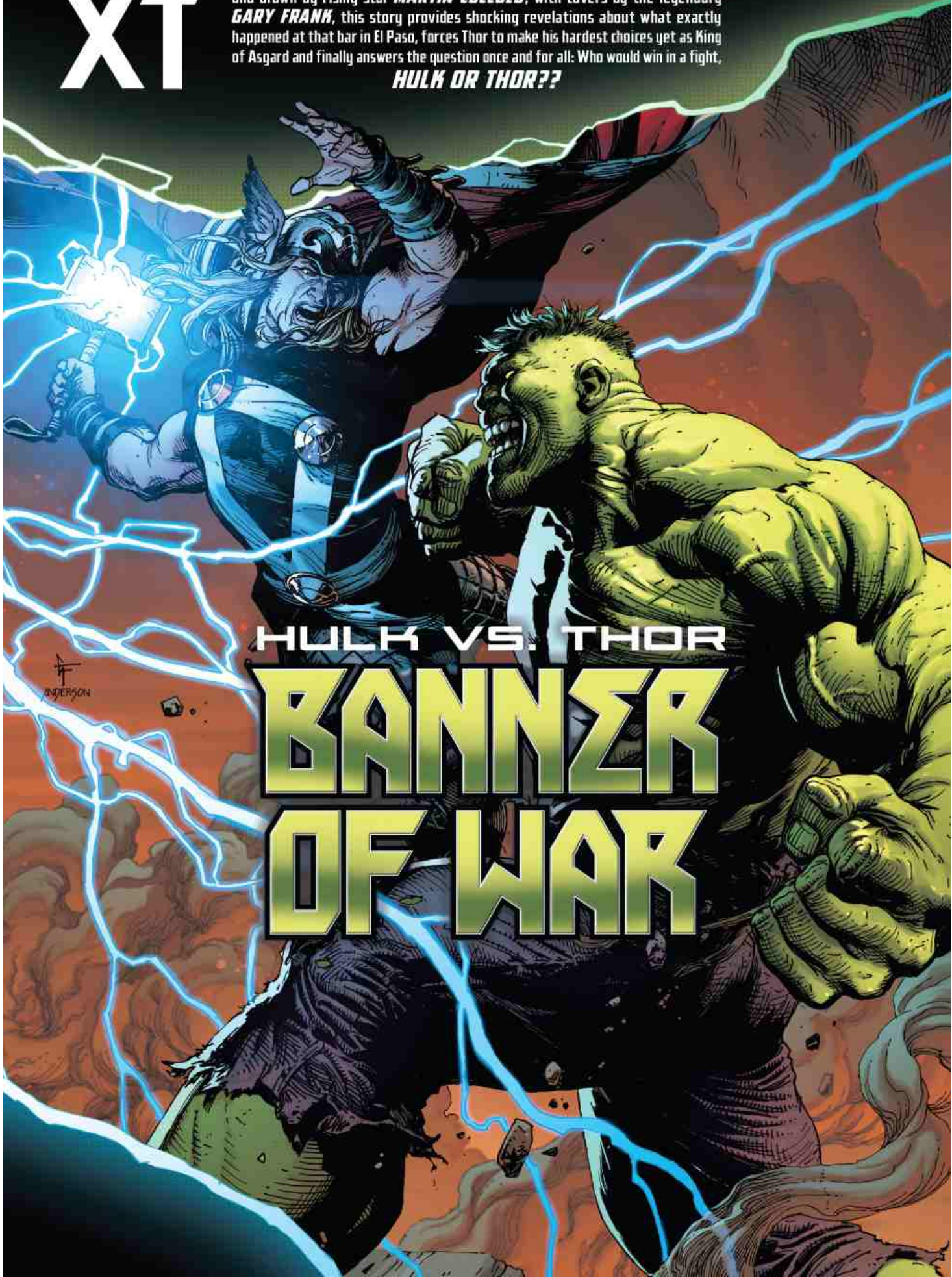


NEXT: BANNER OF WAR!

NEXT

THE BRAWL TO END THEM ALL!

To celebrate the **60TH ANNIVERSARY** of both **HULK** and **THOR**, we're doing a crossover between their two series! It starts next week with **HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA #1** and then continues in **THOR #25**, **HULK #7** and **THOR #26** before concluding in **HULK #8**! Written by **DONNY CATES** and drawn by rising star **MARTIN COCCOLO**, with covers by the legendary **GARY FRANK**, this story provides shocking revelations about what exactly happened at that bar in El Paso, forces Thor to make his hardest choices yet as King of Asgard and finally answers the question once and for all: Who would win in a fight, **HULK OR THOR??**



HULK VS. THOR BANNER OF WAR

GROUND CONTROL TO STARSHIP HULK

Hello, readers, and welcome back to the HULK letters page! Please enjoy a selection of responses we've received for HULK #1-4, and keep sending us your letters!

Wow. I've been reading HULK comics since issue #314, back in the '80s. Along with Spidey, it's the Marvel title I've stuck with the longest. That said, I've seen a lot of interesting twists and turns in the book over the decades. Your new storyline has really grabbed my attention. I admit, I've heard lots about your work lately, but this is the first time I've read a comic written by you. I'm quite impressed. So my question, as a longtime HULK fan, is: How do you come up with something like this that's so unique? I mean, there are hundreds of HULK comics out there. Thousands if you include other titles. How do you find something that hasn't been done before? Do you read all those other stories as homework? Seems like a daunting task, so kudos to you and Ryan for an "incredible" start to your run! I'm enjoying it and can't wait to see what happens next.

Best,
Jeff Dyer

Hello, friends,

My name is Michael. I've recently started reading your new HULK series. I've read issues #1 and #2 so far, and let me say, I'm beyond impressed. I've been a lifelong Hulk fan. Huge fan of Hulk comics, Hulk movies and pretty much all things Hulk. So when I heard you guys were creating a new HULK comic book series, with a brand new spin on the character, I was beyond excited. You guys have definitely knocked it out of the park, and

I am truly looking forward to the rest of your HULK series. Thanks, and many blessings sent back.

Michael Shreffler

Hey, all,

Just read the third issue of HULK and I keep loving this series more and more. Loved the backstory of this new Banner variant and the idea of taking Oppenheimer's quote from the *Bhagavad Gita* and extending it so that this Banner actually destroyed the world...brilliant. Also, the "abominations" being created in the wastelands definitely gave me some *Walking Dead* vibes, absolutely amazing. Looking forward to seeing where all of this leads! Also, given that the Multiverse is all the rage nowadays, I wonder if we will further explore it in this series. There is so much potential going forward!!! Can't wait to see what's next!

Nicolas Randazzo

Hi, Donny, Ryan and co.,

I just wanted to say that this book is insane. Not just the absolutely crazy script or the bombastic page-turning art, but the colors blow me away and the lettering is so good. This book gets me excited every month for the next issue. I'm really excited to see if this shadow Hulk figure gets expanded on, and I'm so hyped for BANNER OF WAR. This is shaping up to be an all-time great HULK run.

Tyler Zinsmeister
Warren, Ohio

The new HULK comic seriously has the old comic vibe and a super-cool team behind it. Really love how the old Villain Banner is back

and the Hulk is shown just how he is--the scared kid. Looking forward to more smashing and Bannering!

Vinayak Vinod

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READ: HULK VS. THOR:
BANNER OF WAR ALPHA #1
THOR #25
AND THEN COME BACK HERE FOR
HULK #7, "BANNER OF WAR"
PART THREE

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